

REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated February 20, 2004 has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted. Reconsideration of this case, as amended, is requested. Claims 1-12 and 17-20 remain in this case, claims 13-16 are withdrawn from consideration.

A complete numerical listing of all the claims, including the withdrawn claims and the proper status identifiers have been listed. In claims 1 and 12, each of the elements were split from one paragraph into their own paragraphs for clarity when reading the claims. No new matter has been entered. The Applicant believes that the Office Action Response dated November 5, 2003, as amended in this communication, is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

Applicant believes the claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. If the Examiner disagrees, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicants' attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

"Recognizing that Internet communications are not secured, I hereby authorize the PTO to communicate with me concerning any subject matter of this application by electronic mail. I understand that a copy of these communications will be made of record in the application file."

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